GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:423
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STOPPING MILITARY AID TO NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has stopped military aid to neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any demand from our neighbours for resumption of military aid; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b) After His Majesty King Gyanendra imposed a state of emergency in Nepal and assumed direct executive powers on 01 February 2005, Government suspended military supplies to Nepal. Following the lifting of emergency in April 2005 and release of several political leaders and activists, the Government of India released some of the non-lethal supplies that were in the pipeline.

(c) There have been some requests from His Majesty`s Government of Nepal for resumption of military supplies.

(d) The issue of military supplies to Nepal remains under constant review of the Government.